

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
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Appln. No.: Not Yet Assigned ) : Group Art Unit: Unassigned  
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filed September 29, 2000 )  
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For: EXPANDABLE STENT AND ) May 21, 2004  
METHOD FOR DELIVERY )  
OF SAME )

**MAIL STOP PATENT APPLICATION**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. BOX 1450  
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**I. Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**II. Amendments to the Abstract** begin on page 4 of this paper.

III. Listing of the Claims begin on page 5 of this paper.

IV. Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.